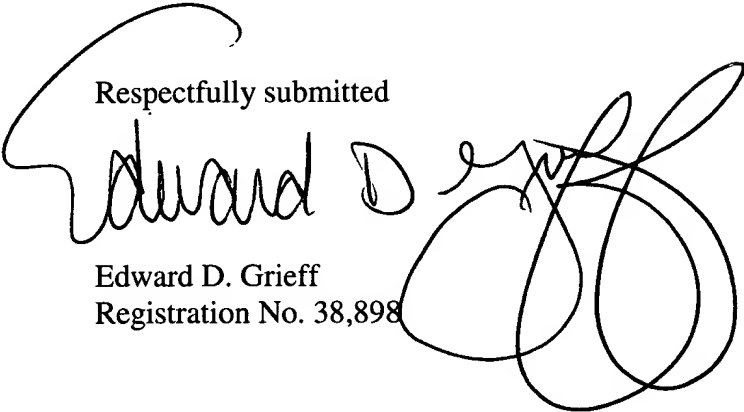


**III. Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-50.

Examiner Henley III is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 202-942-8453 concerning any questions about the present application.

Respectfully submitted

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